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90th Anniversary Souvenir Booklet

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A note from the President...

On behalf of the Chicago Coin Club it is my pleasure to welcome you to our 90th Anniversary celebration. I am proud to serve as Club President during this historic milestone event. The 90th Anniversary committee is comprised of active Club members, dedicated to the science and study of numismatics, all of whom are true ambassadors of the Chicago Coin Club.

The Chicago Coin Club motto "Docendo Discimus" (We Learn By Teaching) has been demonstrated the second Wednesday of every month in the heart of downtown Chicago since 1919. Our monthly Club meetings feature respected guests who speak on a wide variety of numismatic topics; ancients and modern, US and world, as well as odd and curious.

Over the years, the Club has engaged in numismatic research, having published numerous articles through our active membership. We have designed and issued a number of beautiful commemorative medals. To mark the occasion of our 90th Anniversary, we have struck a high-relief medal featuring Augustus Saint-Gaudens' Abraham Lincoln statue found in Chicago's Lincoln Park.

It is said that coin collecting is the "King of Hobbies" and the "Hobby of Kings." However, you do not have to be a king to be a member of the Chicago Coin Club. All are welcome. I was introduced to coin collecting with a bowl of silver quarters kept in my grandmother's refrigerator. I was introduced to numismatics with a visit to a Chicago Coin Club meeting where I was welcomed by the friendly and knowledgeable Club members. New faces are always welcome at Club meetings and veteran members are always happy to share their knowledge and experience.

People are drawn to our hobby for a variety of reasons. Coin collecting offers an education and appreciation of art, history, geography and science that few hobbies provide. Since the Club's organization in 1919, the Chicago Coin Club has been a great place to share and learn together. The passion for the hobby is easy to see in the faces of our Club members past and present.

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President

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History of the Chicago Coin Club

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In achieving its 90th Anniversary, the Chicago Coin Club has reached a milestone few clubs may ever reach. It spans ninety years of educating the numismatic community through exhibits and learned presentations at a level very few have rivaled. None of the early members could have ever imagined how the world would have changed by 2009. But certainly, they would be happy to know that the members are still carrying on with the tradition of promoting numismatic education and issuing medals to commemorate major anniversaries.

The history of organized numismatics in Chicago goes back to December, 1903 when the Chicago Numismatic Society was founded. Its members were an enthusiastic group that held monthly meetings through May, 1915. Members gathered to hear numismatic talks, participate in auctions and share current information. Medals were struck to commemorate the 50th meeting and the 100th meeting. Little is known of an undated medal struck on one side with the Chicago Numismatic Society and the opposite side with the Chicago Collectors Club, but it is credited to the Society. An octagonal piece dated May 3, 1907 marked the opening reception of new rooms in the Masonic Temple that served as the meeting site for the Society. In addition, the Society issued an impressive series of eleven Membership Medals dated from 1904 through 1914. A ring of stars that symbolize the number of members who joined in each respective year surrounds the legend on these 2" bronze medals. Each member was presented with an appropriately dated medal from the year they joined.
The U.S.S. Nashville Medal was produced in 1910 in bronze and silver. It was commissioned to commemorate the visit of the famous gunboat to Chicago Harbor. The Nashville had fired the first and last shots in the Spanish American War. During this visit, thousands came out to welcome the ship and its crew. Later that same year, the Chicago Numismatic Society decided to issue another art medal dedicated to man's ancient dream of flying. The main design on the medal shows a youth with wings attached to his outstretched arms and four different forms of manned flight in the background.

In 1912 the American Numismatic Association (ANA) changed its constitution allowing the formation of branch clubs, provided that everyone was an ANA member. Ben Green, the Secretary of the Chicago Numismatic Society, was the first to file an application charter, thereby entitling the Chicago group the honor of receiving number 1. The first meeting of ANA Branch No. 1 was November 12, 1913 in the rooms of the Chicago Numismatic Society. The Society and the Branch were never affiliated, but their membership overlapped considerably. They issued

2" X 3/4" bronze membership cards that allowed for each membership number to be stamped.

On January 17, 1914 Ben Green died at age 53 of typhoid pneumonia. He had faithfully served as the only Secretary of the Society and was the only President of ANA Branch No. 1. It was a deep shock to everyone, including the national numismatic community, and tributes flowed in from across the nation. The minutes from both groups soon reflected a lack of spirit. Within three months of Green's death, ANA Branch No. 1 ceased to function, but returned in 1917. The Chicago Numismatic Society carried on a bit longer, but their last published report was their 136th meeting, May 7, 1915. With that ended a brilliant twelve year era in Chicago numismatics.

For two years there was no organized numismatic group in Chicago. Then on February 7, 1917 ANA Branch No. 1 was revived and consisted primarily of previous members. Meetings were held monthly through the next year when it was decided to reorganize and not limit membership to ANA members only. A committee was formed to draw up a new constitution and by-laws and thereafter would be called the Chicago Coin Club. The first meeting was held on February 14, 1919 and Charter Members were those who joined in the first two months. At the March 5th meeting, their membership numbers were assigned by drawing lots.

J. Henri Ripstra designed the club's first logo. It showed an open-faced "Y" symbolizing the Chicago River's North and South Branches and the letter "C" appeared to the left, right and top. "Chicago Coin" was at top and "Club" was in exergue, with "19" on each side. When the Club incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1938, a new seal was adopted that is still in use today. It shows the vertically interlocking Club initials "CCC," above is "Organized 1919" and below is "Incorporated 1938." Beneath are two laurel branches. Surrounding this and around the top edge is "Chicago Coin Club" and in exergue is the Latin motto "Docendo Discimus," which translates to "We Learn By Teaching."

Chicago has hosted twelve ANA conventions. In addition to the 1891, 1893 and 1911 conventions hosted by predecessor clubs, the Chicago Coin Club welcomed the ANA back in 1920, 1929, 1933, 1943, 1944, 1956, 1966, 1991 and 1999, a record unmatched by any other ANA club. No other club has provided the ANA with more Presidents, General Secretaries, Treasurers, Governors or Editors. Nor has any other club had more members inducted into ANA's Hall of Fame or had more recipients of their Medal of Merit or the Farran Zerbe Award, their highest honor.

Over all these ANA conventions, the Chicago Coin Club issued many different numismatic souvenirs - far too many to list in this short history.

The ANA made a change to its constitution in 1940 allowing clubs to

become life members. Member M. Vernon Sheldon generously offered to pay for the life membership dues for the Club. At the March 1942 meeting, member J. Henri Ripstra, acting in his capacity as an ANA Governor and past ANA President, presented the members with life membership certificate No. 60. According to the minutes of that same evening M. Vernon Sheldon announced that the Club was the first corporate life membership granted, but he was probably mistaken. Earlier issues of The Numismatist refer to other clubs holding ANA life membership. The No. 60 referred to the total count of individuals as well as club life members. The ANA decided in 1973 to issue separate membership numbers for clubs and the new life membership No. 7 was issued to the Chicago Coin Club. The Club also has the distinction of being the oldest ANA member club with an uninterrupted record of annual dues payments back to 1912 when they were called ANA Branch No. 1. In 1969 ANA Historian Jack W. Ogilvie reported that Branch No. 1 dues were paid continuously, even during the inactive period of 1914-16.

The Chicago Coin Club has had many members that became giants and legends in the hobby. One of these was Virgil Brand, known for assembling the largest coin collection the world has ever seen. It has been written that he was the best customer of every coin dealer in the world! William F. Dunham owned a downtown pharmacy and was an early leader in the ANA, but will probably be remembered for an incident he had with J.P. Morgan. When Dunham was asked by an agent for Morgan how much money he wanted for a rare coin in his collection, Dunham's response was "J.P. Morgan doesn't have enough money!" J. Henri Ripstra was a die engraver by trade, produced many medals and convention badges for numismatic groups, served in several elected positions for the ANA and is credited as one of the men who formed the building blocks that gave the ANA its present stature. He was a scholar on the life of Abraham Lincoln and was known as the "Dean of Chicago Numismatics," was an outstanding orator and cited as the best extemporaneous speaker ever known in numismatics.

Lee F. Hewitt was the founder, publisher and editor of Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine from 1935 to 1967. Mr. Hewitt was a practical, levelheaded man, who was blessed with good foresight and the courage to follow his intuition. This earned the respect of every leader in the hobby. Richard Yeoman was known as "Mr. Red Book" for his introduction of The Guide Book of U.S. Coins. His introduction of the Whitman coin boards and reference material had a major impact on the hobby. Glenn Smedley served the collecting community with his organizational and literary skills. He served as editor of ANA's official publication The Numismatist, wrote the "Numismatic Vignettes" column for many years, was an elected officer many times, served as ANA's public relations director and helped create

their audio-visual library. Elston Bradfield had a degree in journalism, was a scholar of military history and was the assistant librarian for the Chicago Tribune. Bradfield provided research data for the many speeches and articles given by Tribune publisher, Robert R. McCormick. He founded The Centinel, the official publication of the Central States Numismatic Society, and became the first person with a journalism background to serve as editor of The Numismatist. He contributed large amounts of original material to the magazine and was the editor of ANA's Introduction to Numismatics, a 48-page pamphlet that was sent to each new member for many years.

M. Vernon Sheldon left a legacy of dedication and generous sharing of his time and talents. He served in a number of ANA elected positions, developed their visual education program, lent his personal index of The Numismatist to the ANA for publication, and lent his help in organizing several regional and state clubs. Harry X Boosel served the numismatic community in many different administrative positions, but he will be most remembered for his research and expertise into the Coinage Act of 1873 and the resulting U.S. Coins. He went on to specialize in international coins issued in 1873 and earned the moniker "Mr. 1873."
A project that added prestige to the Chicago Coin Club was the publication in 1985 of the 364-page book, Perspectives in Numismatics. 1000 volumes were printed and it is now out of print. It is a collection of nineteen original numismatic essays from prominent numismatists that covers a wide spectrum of numismatics: ancient, medieval, modern, exonumia, philosophy and Club history. This was a visionary project spearheaded and edited by Dr. Saul B. Needleman to mark the Club's 800th meeting, and it earned him "A Special Commendation for Numismatic Organization Publications" from the Numismatic Literary Guild in 1986.

In 1989 the Chicago Coin Club began a unique project that caught the attention of the numismatic community. The undertaking consisted of publishing an original numismatic article on primitive money and attaching a genuine or replica piece of that money to the story. Everyone attending the Club meeting at the Chicago International Coin Fair received a copy. The remainder was put up for sale. The success is due in large part to Robert D. Leonard, Jr. who wrote every issue except one and whose research took him into museums and libraries in Europe and America. Carl F. Wolf also found a facility to produce most of the replicas or locate genuine pieces. The project continues to this day, and some of the more recent issues are for sale to collectors.

Leather Money.....1989
Plate Money.....1990
Stone Money.....1991
Axe-Head Money.....1992
Clamshell Money.....1993
Bark Cloth Money.....1994
Chinese Knife Money.....1995
African Trade Bead Money.....1996

Cloth Money 1997
Manilla Money 1998
Kissi Kilindi Money 1999
Civil War Postage Stamp Money .. 2000
Obsidian Money 2001
Gold Dust Currency 2002
Salt & Pepper Money 2003
Chinese Bamboo Money 2004
Togo Stone Money 2005
Mexican Chocolate Money 2006
Modern Cigarette Money 2007
Fur Money 2008
Cornaline d'Aleppo Trade Beads .. 2009

In 1996 Krause Publications invited the Chicago Coin Club to hold a meeting at the new Chicago Paper Money Exposition (CPMX). Krause liked the primitive money project at CICF and encouraged the Club to create a similar give-away for CPMX. It was decided to issue a sequence of souvenir sheets showing Chicago's obsolete banknotes. The sheets showed photographs of the notes plus a history of the bank. Robert W. Feiler wrote the first three histories and different members wrote the rest. Many of the photographs were obtained from the obsolete banknotes in the collection of Herb and Martha Schingoethe, Aurora, Illinois. Everyone who attended the Club meeting at the CPMX received one, and those left over were put up for sale. The Club still issues these souvenir sheets and has some past issues for sale. In 2001 it was decided to change from obsolete banknotes to national banknotes.

Merchants & Mechanics Bank ... 1996
Bank of Chicago 1997
Bank of Phoenix 1998
George Smith Certificates of Deposit 1999
Potter Palmer's Dry Goods Store . 2000
City Bank of Chicago 2001
First National Bank of Chicago .. 2002
Interstate National Bank of Hegewisch, Illinois 2003
Union Stock Yard National Bank of Chicago 2004
Federal Reserve of Chicago 2005
Union National Bank of Chicago 2006
(None Issued) 2007
Lawndale National Bank of Chicago 2008
Federal Reserve Bank Notes-Series 1918 2009

On March 27, 1996 the Chicago Coin Club played a crucial role in a symposium titled "The Science of Numismatics" organized by the American Numismatic Society (ANS). It was co-chaired by Club members Robert D. Leonard, Jr. and Harlan J. Berk. Ten original presentations were delivered by eminent numismatists from across the country. The full day event was enjoyed by 55 numismatists at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers. The symposium was scheduled with the support and cooperation of the Chicago International Coin Fair and culminated with a dinner and address by Arthur A. Houghton III, ANS President. A permanent record of this symposium was preserved on videotape courtesy of Harlan J. Berk. A copy was presented to each speaker plus the ANS and ANA libraries. Significant donations by Carl Subak, Harlan J. Berk, Andrew Michyeta and William A. Burd contributed to the success of

the event.

At the close of the 20th century, the Chicago Coin Club established a website at www.chicagocoinclub.org. Credit for building the site goes totally to member Paul Hybert. Hybert spent many hours building the site, scanning every essay from Perspectives in Numismatics and Club medals from his own collection. Now Internet search engines make all the information put out by the Club available to numismatists worldwide.

In early 2001 a previously undocumented numismatic issue of the Chicago Coin Club was discovered. It was an 1893 Columbian half-dollar counterstamped "CCC/1933" and came from the estate of Helen Carmody-Ledo, a California coin dealer. Carl F. Wolf found a reference in the minutes of May 6, 1933, when a motion was passed permitting members to present two identical coins to the Club secretary to be counterstamped. One was to be returned to the member, and the other was to be retained in the Club's cabinet. A record of the coins and counterstamps were to be put in the minutes, but no further mention appears in official Club records.

Any history of the Chicago Coin Club must include major benefactors. Marcella Sheldon donated $5,000 in 1984 to underwrite the award-winning book Perspectives in Numismatics. In a gesture of appreciation, the Club dedicated the book to her husband M. Vernon Sheldon. Richard Cabeen was a coin and stamp collector and starting in 1923 wrote "The Stamp Collector" column and later "The Coin Collector" in the Sunday Chicago Tribune. In 1968 he donated $210 to the Club and was so gratified in the response, he donated an additional $5,000 with "no strings attached." His donation has served as the basis for the Cabeen Exhibit Awards given annually for excellence in exhibits at the monthly meetings. In 1994 Past-President Andrew Michyeta donated $2,500 to offset the die and tooling costs associated with "The Discoverer's Medal," issued for the Club's 75th Anniversary. Michyeta's vocation is in the metalworking and die-stamping field. He made this generous offer because he was so excited by the proposal of issuing a large, high relief medal. Michyeta's support for the 1996 ANS symposium contributed greatly to its success. This was cited in 1997 when he was presented with the Club's 1996 Medal of Merit.

Over the period of 90 years the Chicago Coin Club issued many impressive commemorative medals and counterstamped coins to mark significant occasions. In addition to the seven art medals described in detail below, the Club issued pieces for the 100th Meeting (1927), 400th Meeting (1952), CCC Fall Festivals (1959, 1961 and 1962), 600th Meeting (1969) and the 750th Meeting (1981).

25th Anniversary Medal

1944

The 25th anniversary of the Chicago Coin Club coincided with World War II and the 1944 ANA convention that had just been held in Chicago the year before. Originally it was feared that the wartime restrictions would not allow it; however, the Club was able to strike a 1 1/2" silver anniversary medal featuring a portrait of Abraham Lincoln. Around the top is his name and around the bottom is THE GREAT EMANCIPATOR. 1809 and 1865 appear left and right. The reverse designs read TO COMMEMORATE THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY CHICAGO COIN CLUB 1919-1944.

500th Meeting Medal
1960

This barrel shaped medal (72 x 52mm) was designed by member James A. Friberg, an architectural designer, and was struck in bronze, silver and gold. It shows the world with expanding comet-like lines originating in Chicago; vertically reading CHICAGO on the left and 1960 on the right, all struck incuse. The top panel is the ornate Chicago Water Tower, erected in 1869 and one of the few structures to survive the Chicago Fire of 1871. A 707-jet airliner symbolizing the future was cameo struck across the sky behind the tower. The bottom panel shows a west view of the downtown skyline and the Chicago River as seen from the shore of Lake Michigan. The reverse spelled out the occasion 41 YEARS/500 MEETINGS and the Club's corporate seal.

50th Anniversary Medal
1969

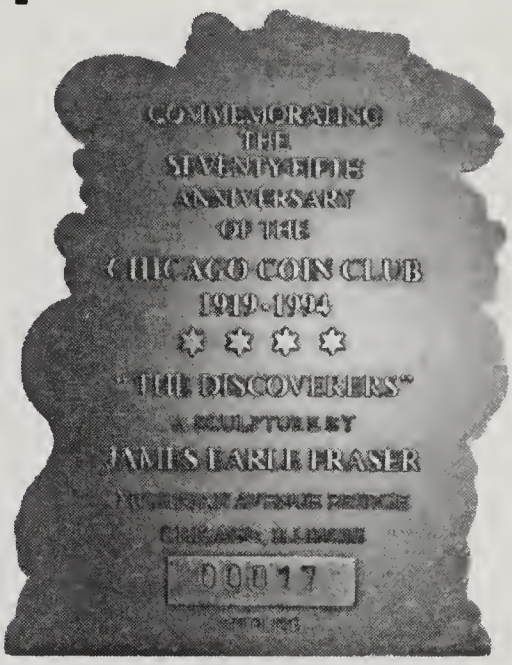
Trygve A. Rovelstad of Elgin, Illinois was the designer of this impressive 2 1/4" medal struck in bronze and silver. The obverse incorporated a modernized left facing Arethusa, modeled after his proposed "I Will" statue. Emerging from the decorative headdress is a phoenix, symbolizing the city's recovery from the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. A mythological bird, the phoenix burned to ashes on a pyre, then rose youthfully from these ashes to live again. Around the head is CCC 50TH ANNIVERSARY and 1919-1969. The reverse features the Winter Hexagon, a constellation of six stars prominent in the southern sky between January and March. It represents the birth of the Club and symbolizes man's interest in astral exploration. Within the Hexagon is the vertically interlocking initials of the Club CCC surrounded by ORGANIZED 1919/ INCORPORATED 1938. Around the rim's upper half is CHICAGO COIN CLUB and on the lower rim is the Club's latin motto DOCENDO DISCIMUS.

800th Meeting Medal
1985

This 2" medal was produced in bronze, nickel-silver, gold-toned and sterling silver. Designs were submitted in open competition, and the one submitted by Carl F. Wolf was selected. It features an obverse with a youthful and bearded portrait of Janus, the roman god of beginnings. He looks to both the past and future symbolizing the Club as it looks to its past with pride, while maintaining a focus on the future. CHICAGO COIN CLUB is around the top. At the bottom is a quotation from Shakespeare's play The Tempest, WHAT'S PAST IS PROLOGUE, expressing the Club's continuity with the past which is viewed as a beginning. The Club's emphasis on education is the primary focus on the reverse showing three books. The Club's Latin motto DISCENDO DISCIMUS is inscribed on the open book. Reaching across is a branch from the Tree of Knowledge with fruit representing the benefits received by club members through numismatic education. On the right the Path of Knowledge leads from the books to a rising sun symbolizing enlightenment through education. On the left a small downtown skyline pays tribute to the city of Chicago. Above is 800TH MEETING and below SEPTEMBER 14, 1985.

75th Anniversary Medal

1994

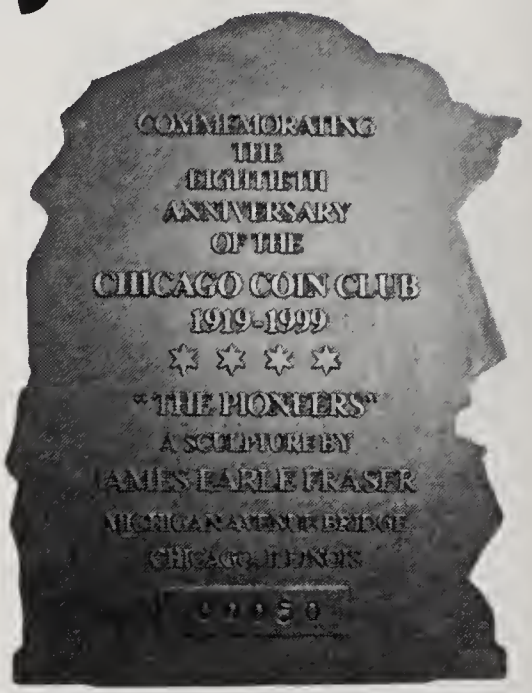


The obverse design of this special issue is a reduced replica of "The Discoverers," a prominent Chicago sculpture by James Earle Fraser (1876-1953), designer of the Indian head nickel and other numismatic works. The medals were produced in bronze, sterling silver and gold. The monumental sculpture, completed in 1928, was placed on the northeast pylon of the Michigan Avenue Bridge over the Chicago River. Above is a winged allegorical figure with a sword and shield typifying the Spirit of Exploration. In the center are two explorers surrounded by Indians, some carrying a canoe. One Indian kneeling in the foreground strongly resembles the Indian on the buffalo nickel. The sculpture was dedicated to Louis Joliet, Father Jacques Marquette, Robert Cavelier de LaSalle and Henri de Tonti, who, according to the inscription beneath the bridge sculpture "...will live in American history as fearless explorers who made their way through the Great Lakes and across the watershed to the Mississippi in the late seventeenth century and typify the spirit of brave adventure which has always been firmly planted in the character of the Middle West."

The reverse features the inscription COMMEMORATING THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB, 1919-1994, 'THE DISCOVERERS,' A SCULPTURE BY JAMES EARLE FRASER, MICHIGAN AVENUE BRIDGE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. The four six-pointed stars in the center represent those on the Chicago flag. They refer to the Fort Dearborn Massacre of 1812, The Great Fire of 1871, The World's Columbian Exposition of 1893, and the Century of Progress World's Fair of 1933. The serial number appears below.

80th Anniversary Medal

1999



This medal complements the Club's seventy-fifth anniversary medal. It features a reduced replica of James Earle Fraser's sculpture "The Pioneers" across Michigan Avenue from his other sculpture "The Discoverers." It was also struck in bronze, sterling silver and gold, plus a bronze nine-piece process set displaying the results of the minting process.

The obverse features an allegorical male figure at the top, pointing onward. A purposeful-looking man is in the foreground, walking forward with a musket on his shoulder and a hatchet in one hand. Beside him is a woman on horseback, holding a baby. Two more pioneers, an Indian and a team of oxen, surround them. The description beneath the sculpture reads, "John Kinzie - fur trade - settled near this spot in the early years of the nineteenth century – one of a band of courageous pioneers who with their lives at stake struggled through the wilderness breaking soil for the seeds of future civilization."

The reverse inscription reads COMMEMORATING THE EIGHTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB, 1919-1999, 'THE PIONEERS,' A SCULPTURE BY JAMES EARLE FRASER, MICHIGAN AVENUE BRIDGE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. The four six-pointed stars in the center represent those on the Chicago flag that are described in the 75th Anniversary Medal story. The serial number appears below.

1000th Meeting Medal
2002

The two and one half inch diameter medal was produced in two metals; a five ounce, .999 fine silver medal (with and without gold highlight) and an approximately eight ounce, 24 karat gold medal. The medals are numbered serially in two separate series.

The medal includes a reproduction of the tetradrachma of Athens from the middle of the fifth century B.C.E., known as "Owls." This medal reproduces the Owl reverse of the coin. The devices include the owl, the bird associated with Athena; the olive branch, symbolizing her original tree; and the crescent moon which is also associated with Athena. Athens is abbreviated on the side.

In 1903, a forerunner of the Chicago Coin Club, the Chicago Numismatic Society, chose the Owl of this Athenian coin as its symbol and issued reproductions of it on several anniversary medals. Following in their footsteps a hundred years later, we too, chose one of the world's most enduring symbols of commerce to carry us into the new century and through our next thousand meetings.

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1. R. Edward Davis
2. Fred W. Becker
3. Fred Michael
4. Louis DeCou
5. George H. Blake
6. A. Atlas Leve
7. Alden Scott Boyer
8. Swan Nelson
9. J. Henri Ripstra
10. Albert W. Morris
11. Marie A. Naerup
12. Harry F. Williams
13. Theophile E. Leon
14. S. Archie Hamilton
15. Charles N. Hinckley
16. Dr. Alexander M. Rackus
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18. Ernest Jonas
19. Sigmund Krausz
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23. Albert F. Madlener
24. Lawrence P. Josephson
25. Michael P. Carey
26. Judson Brenner
27. Harry T. Wilson
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29. J.G.M. Luttenberger
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33. Elmer J. Lawless

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Charles N. Hinckley 1919
Alden Scott Boyer 1919-27
Dr. Alexander M. Rackus 1928
R. Edward Davis 1929-32
J. Henri Ripstra 1933-36
William G. Rayson 1937-38
Robert L. McBrien 1939-40
Edmund E. Lamb 1941-42
Paul Pennington 1943-44
Earl F. Barger 1945-46
Ignatius T. Kopicki 1947-48
Glenn R. Ostrander 1949-50
Harry X Boosel 1951-52
Clyde L. Grimm 1953-54
Elston G. Bradfield 1955-56
Theordore F. Pokorney 1957-58
Joseph E. Merkel 1959
Glenn B. Smedley 1960
Hugh McKnight 1961-62
Michael M. Dolnick 1963-64
Philip J. More 1965-66
James L. Grebinger 1967-68
James J. Babka 1969-70
Lee F. Hewitt 1971
James R. Budd 1972
William E. Pettit 1973-74
Charles J. Ryant, Jr. 1975-76
Gerda H. Birkholz 1977-78
Dr. Saul B. Needleman 1979
Richard Hartzog 1979-82
Barbara Goldfreed 1983
Dr. Saul B. Needleman 1983-86
Gerard A. Anaszewicz 1987
Charles J. Ricard 1987-88
Robert D. Leonard, Jr. 1989-92
Andrew Michyeta 1993-96
Mark Wieclaw 1997-98
Carl F. Wolf 1999-02
Mark Wieclaw 2003-04
Robert Feiler 2005-08
Jeffrey Rosinia 2009-

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(Included duties of Treasurer)

R. Edward Davis 1919-27
Elmer J. Lawless 1928-30
Ignatius T. Kopicki 1931
Michael A. Powills 1932
R. Edward Davis 1933-36
M. Vernon Sheldon 1937-38
Ignatius T. Kopicki 1939-41
Clifford P. Lindall 1942-43
Glenn R. Ostrander 1944-46
Earl C. Brown 1947-49

Club Secretaries (continued)

Glenn B. Smedley 1950
Joseph E. Merkel 1951
Earl L. Salisbury 1952
Theodore H. Rich 1953-54
Michael M. Dolnick 1955-56
J. Thomas Nolan 1957-58
Judy Sabel 1959-60
Ignatius T. Kopicki 1961
(Became appointed position in 1966)
Marjorie Baker 1962-74
Leah Klein 1974-79
Carl F. Wolf 1979-84
William Baker 1985
Peter Jorstad 1986-88
David Simpson 1988-89
Peter Jorstad 1990-92
Brian Stubbs 1992-96
Richard Hamilton 1997-00
Lyle Daly 2001-03
(Split into 2 positions effective April, 2003)
Robert Weinstein 2003-04
Carl Wolf 2005-

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Steve Zitowsky 2003-

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James A. Friberg
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Glenn B. Smedley
David Schecter
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Charles J. Ryant, Jr.
Larry Natta
Don Valenziano
Joseph R. O'Connor
David Simpson
William A. Burd
Paul Hybert

Club Archivists

Frank Zaylick 1976-81
Richard Hartzog 1981-84
(Became elective position in 1984)
Carl F. Wolf 1985-90
Joe Tomasko 1991-96
Philip Carrigan 1997-04
William A. Burd 2005-

Medal Of Merit Recipients

Clyde L. Grimm 1955
J. Henri Ripstra 1955
Glenn B. Smedley 1955
Earl C. Brown 1956
Ignatius T. Kopicki 1956
M. Vernon Sheldon 1956
Richard S. Yeoman 1957
Elston G. Bradfield 1958
Joseph Unseitig 1958
Ernest Jonas 1959
Herbert J. Shaner 1959
Judy Sabel 1960
August F. Hausske 1960
Philip J. More 1960
Michael M. Dolnick 1961
Harry X Boosel 1962

Medal Of Merit Recipients (continued)

Harold R. Klein 1963
William Hoppe 1964
Marjorie Baker 1965
Arlie R. Slabaugh 1966
Thomas F. Shugrue 1967
Gerda H. Birkholz 1968
Clifford P. Lindall 1969
Chester Poderski 1970
James L. Gerbinger 1971
Jules L. Marshfield 1972
Leah Klein 1975
Frank Zaylick 1976
William A. Pettit 1977
Charles J. Ryant, Jr. 1977
Carl F. Wolf 1981
Edward Milas 1988
Robert D. Leonard, Jr. 1992
Marcella Sheldon 1992
Dr. Saul B. Needleman 1994
David Simpson 1994
Andrew Michyeta 1996
William A. Burd 1999
Paul R. Hybert 1999
Mark Wieclaw 2003

Literary Award Recipients

GOLD MEDAL

James W. Curtis 1956
Glenn B. Smedley 1958
Nathan N. Eglit 1959
Harry Flower 1960
Arlie R. Slabaugh 1961
Michael M. Dolnick 1962
Ignatius T. Kopicki 1963
Gerda H. Birkholz 1964
Arlie R. Slabaugh 1965
Gerda H. Birkholz 1966
William A. Pettit 1967
James Plath 1969
William A. Pettit 1970
Gerda H. Birkholz 1971
Harry X Boosel 1972
Adalbert R. Birkholz 1974
Dr. Saul B. Needleman 1977
Dr. Saul B. Needleman 1982
Robert D. Leonard, Jr. 1989
Charles R icard 1989
David Simpson 1990
Robert D. Leonard, Jr. 1991

SILVER MEDAL

Dr. Saul B. Needleman 1993
Robert D. Leonard, Jr. 1993
Dr. Saul B. Needleman 1997

BRONZE MEDAL

David Simpson 1993
William A. Burd 1993
William A. Burd 1996

Richard Cabeen Exhibit Award Recipients

FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	YEAR
Glenn B. Smedley		1968
William A. Pettit	Gerda H. Birkholz	1969
William A. Pettit	Gerda H. Birkholz	1970
Gerda H. Birkholz	Harry X Boosel	1971
Gerda H. Birkholz	Harry X Boosel	1972
Gerda H. Birkholz	David Schecter	1973

Richard Cabeen Exhibit Award Recipients (continued)

FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	YEAR
Gerda H. Birkholz	Harry X Boosel	1974
Harry X Boosel	Gerda H. Birkholz	1975
Gerda H. Birkholz	Richard Hartzog	1976
Gerda H. Birkholz	Richard Hartzog	1977
Gerda H. Birkholz	Richard Hartzog	1978
Richard Hartzog	Gerda H. Birkholz	1979
Gregory J. Gaskill		1979
Richard Hartzog	Harry X Boosel	1980
	Harry Flower	1980
	Carl F. Wolf	1980
Barbara Goldfreed	Richard Hartzog	1981
	Carl F. Wolf	1981
Carl F. Wolf	Harry Flower	1982
Gerard A. Anaszewicz	George Lill III	1983
Robert D. Leonard, Jr.	George Lill III	1984
Gerard A. Anaszewicz	George Lill III	1985
Gerard A. Anaszewicz	George Lill III	1986
George Lill III	Carl F. Wolf	1987
Charles J. Ricard	Harry Flower	1988
Andrew Michyeta	Charles Ricard	1989
Harry Flower	Robert D. Leonard, Jr.	1990
Robert D. Leonard, Jr.	Harry Flower	1991
Carl F. Wolf	Harry Flower	1992
Mark Wieclaw	Robert D. Leonard, Jr.	1993
Mark Wieclaw	Robert D. Leonard, Jr.	1994
Mark Wieclaw	Robert D. Leonard, Jr.	1995
Mark Wieclaw	Robert Weinstein	1996
Mark Wieclaw	Robert D. Leonard, Jr.	1997
Robert Feiler	Mark Wieclaw	1998
Mark Wieclaw	Donald Dool	1999
Carl F. Wolf	Donald Dool	2000
Mark Wieclaw	Robert D. Leonard, Jr.	2001
Robert Weinstein	Mark Wieclaw	2002
Robert Weinstein	Mark Wieclaw	2003
Chuck Jacobs	Mark Wieclaw	2004
Mark Wieclaw	Don Dool	2005
Lyle Daly	Mark Wieclaw	2006
Mark Wieclaw	Robert Weinstein	2007
Mark Wieclaw	Marc Stackler	2008

Constitution and By-Laws of The Chicago Coin Club

(As amended through February 9, 2000)

Organized - January 31, 1919
Incorporated in the State of Illinois - January 19, 1938
ANA Life Member No. 7 - CSNS Life Member No. 150
ILNA Life Member No. 132

ARTICLE I - NAME AND OBJECTIVE

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the "Chicago Coin Club" incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, as a nonprofit organization and shall conform to the regulations governing nonprofit corporations and shall operate on a calendar year basis.

Section 2. Its object shall be to study and research in numismatics, promote educational activities incident to the collecting of coins, medals, paper money, et cetera, publish numismatic literature, maintain a numismatic library, and, through regular meetings, disseminate numismatic knowledge.

Section 3. No part of the net earnings of the Club shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to its members, officers or other private persons, except that the Club is authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the objects set forth in Section 2 of this Article.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any person 11 years of age and over of good moral character and interested in numismatics shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. The membership of this Club shall be comprised of four (4) classes: Regular, Associate, Life and Junior. The control of the Club shall be vested in its Regular, Associate and Life members and from them all officers shall be elected.

(A) Regular Members shall be those persons 18 years of age and over.

(B) Associate Members shall consist of parents, spouses or children of Members. Spouses of deceased Members may continue as an Associate Member and if circumstances warrant, dues may be remitted upon proper action of the Club. An Associate Member may become a Regular Member if they so elect and pay regular membership dues. Associate Members shall receive Club literature conjointly with their related regular membership.

(C) Life Members (LM) shall be elected from class "A" (Regular) Members after at least one year membership in good standing.

(D) Junior Members shall be individuals between the ages of 11 and 18. They shall become a Regular Member upon reaching the age of 18 years and conforming to the regulations set forth in Section 2(A). Junior Memberships shall be sponsored by either a parent or legal guardian.

Section 3. Applications for all classes of membership shall be in writing and subject to such rules and regulations as may be established from time to time by the Board of Governors. All such applications shall bear the signature of a member in good standing for one year as sponsor. All applications shall be read in detail at a regular meeting at which the applicant is present before being referred to the Membership Committee.

Section 4. Those who became members or applied for membership prior to the regular meeting of March 5, 1919 shall be known as Charter Members.

Section 5. A membership number shall be assigned to each member. Membership numbers, having been assigned by lot to Charter Members, shall thereafter by assigned by the Secretary in the order of election to membership.

Section 6. Life Membership will initially be assigned by a committee of at least three (3) former Presidents of the Chicago Coin Club, thereafter those who are members for life shall comprise the committee. Life Membership shall be designed by placing the letter "L" prior to the current membership number of those elected. A suitable memento (metallic card, plaque, etc.) shall be presented to all Life Members.

ARTICLE III - DUES

Section 1. The revenue of the Club shall be derived from dues and contributions.

Section 2. All membership dues shall be payable in amounts to be recommended by the Board of Governors and as approved by a simple majority of the membership attending a regular meeting.

Section 3. Applications filed after June 30 shall be accompanied by one half of the annual dues for the class of membership for which application is made and if applicant is elected to membership such one half payment shall be considered as paying dues in full to December 31 of the year in which elected.

Section 4. All dues must be paid in advance. Members who have not paid their current year's dues by March 1 shall be considered delinquent and subject to suspension.

Section 5. Life Member dues must be paid in full within 90 days following LM approval. Any regular dues already paid in the year of approval may be deducted.

Section 6. The power of suspension, expulsion or reinstatement shall be vested in the Board of Governors.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings shall be held once a month at the time and place decided upon by officers at a regular meeting.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the officers upon not less than five (5) days written notice to all members of such meeting. An outline of the items to be discussed, or the reason for the special meeting must be listed in the written notice, and only these items are to be taken up at this meeting.

Section 3. Seven (7) members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND ELECTION

Section 1. The elective officers shall be: President; First Vice President; Second Vice President; and three (3) Directors. The Secretary and/or Treasurer shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Governors. The immediate Past-President shall automatically become a director and shall serve until the next President is elected. These shall constitute the Governing Board.

Section 2. At the regular November meeting, a Nominating Committee of three (3) members in good standing shall be appointed by the President.

Section 3. The Nominating Committee shall meet within the next five (5) days and select their chairman. The nominations for President, First Vice President, Second Vice President and three (3) Directors, all of whom must be members in good standing and whose consent to serve has been obtained, shall be reported in writing to the Secretary in time to be included in the notice of the December meeting.

Section 4. Any five (5) members, in good standing, may, at the December meeting, file

in writing to the Secretary, nominations with consent to serve, for any of the elective offices.

Section 5. Election of officers shall be by written ballot if there is more than one nominee for any one office. All classes of members shall have the right to vote except Junior Members.

Section 6. At the December meeting those regularly nominated and receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. They shall assume office after being installed at the next regular meeting in January.

Section 7. Each election shall be for a period of two (2) years or one (1) term. No officers shall be elected for more than two (2) consecutive terms to the same office, except Directors on which there is no limitation.

ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings, and shall, as chairman, preside at all meetings of the Board of Governors. He shall have general supervision over the interests of the Club. The First Vice President shall act in the absence of the President. The Second Vice President shall act in the presence of the President and First Vice President.

Section 2. The Board of Governors shall have full powers to act for the interest of the Club and shall meet not less than twice annually. The remaining members of the Board of Governors shall fill any vacancy among the officers and directors, by appointment, for the unexpired term of the office. At the next regular meeting after the meeting of the Board of Governors, the minutes of such meeting shall be read insofar as they relate to suggestions or recommendations on which a vote of approval is desired.

Section 3. (A) The Secretary-Treasurer shall be the "Registered Agent" and his home or official address shall be the "Registered Office" of the Club.

(B) Secretary-Treasurer shall send Notice of Meeting to all members entitled to receive same at least five (5) days before the meeting. He shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings and prepare minutes of the meetings, to be read at the next regular meeting, and keep a record of the attendance of members and guests.

(C) He shall collect dues, interest, and other funds and keep a proper record of same. All funds received shall be deposited in a bank designated by the Board of Governors and withdrawn only by check signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President or First Vice President.

(D) Expenditures to a limit of $50 may be made by the Secretary-Treasurer upon approval of the Board of Governors. Expenditures of more than $50 must be recommended by the Board of Governors, and approved by a vote of members at a regular or special meeting.

(E) He shall perform all duties customarily associated with the office of Secretary-Treasurer including such reports as may be required from time to time by City, State and Federal law and the regulations relating thereto.

(F) An audit of the Secretary-Treasurer's books and records shall be made by the Finance and Auditing Committee at the close of each year and before the regular March meeting.

(G) The Secretary-Treasurer shall prepare an Annual Report of Receipts and Disbursement, Balance Sheet, membership, and such other data as may be of interest and mail a copy of the same to each member not later than March of each year.

(H) The Secretary-Treasurer shall be allowed fifty ($50) dollars per year, payable in December as reimbursement of personal expenditures incidental to performing the duties of his office.

(I) The Editor shall be allowed fifty ($50) dollars per year, payable in December, as reimbursement of personal expenditures incidental to performing the duties of his office.

Section 4. Upon assuming office, the President shall appoint the following Offices and Committees as required:

Attendance..... Spouses' Activities
Auction..... Librarian
Banquet..... Membership
Editor..... Parliamentarian
Entertainment..... Public Relations
Exhibits..... Publication
Finance and Auditing.... Registration Clerk
Grievance..... Sergeant at Arms

and others as required.

Section 5. (A) The Archivist shall be an elected officer and regular member of the Board of Governors.

(B) The Archivist shall be the custodian of all records, notices, books, photographs, medals and other properties, except library materials of the Club.

(C) The Archivist shall be responsible for collating and maintaining the official records of the Club for other than the current year and shall have them organized and assembled as necessary for reference.

(D) The Archivist shall maintain a current inventory of all properties belonging to or donated to the Club.

(E) The Archivist shall notify the Board of all unusual or rare items in inventory.

(F) From time to time, the Archivist shall prepare short historic reviews of Club matters for use in the Chatter or for distribution to the numismatic community.

ARTICLE VII - ANNUAL/PERIODICAL PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

Section 1. Past President's Medal. An appropriate medal shall be presented to the immediate "Past President." This will be presented at the meeting of the swearing in of the new President.

Section 2. Medal of Merit. Annually, in November, the President shall appoint a "Medal of Merit Committee" made up of three (3) past recipients of this Award. They shall select a chairman among themselves. This Committee shall solicit other past recipients (two or more) of the Award for their nominations. This Committee shall meet as many times as necessary, and if warranted, they may award a Medal of Merit to any deserving member so nominated. This Committee is not limited to the number of such Medals they may award for the year, although normally it would be one or two - nor are they bound to award any Medal if in their opinion there is no one deserving.

Section 3. Literary Award Medal. Annually, in November, the President shall appoint a "Literary Award Committee" of three (3) members who shall select a chairman among themselves. Each shall read all papers presented before the Club during the past year, and if warranted shall designate the recipient of the award.

ARTICLE VIII - ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
2. Reading of the Minutes
3. Introduction of Visitors
4. Reports of Officers
5. Application and Election to Membership: Resignations
6. Communications and Bills
7. Exhibits
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business
10. Reading of Papers
11. Adjournment

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution and By-Laws may be altered or amended.

Section 2. Alterations or amendments to this

Constitution and By-Laws shall be presented in writing and read at a regular meeting but shall not be voted upon until the next regular meeting and then, only after sending each member a copy of the proposed alteration or amendment, at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. When voted upon, a two-thirds vote of members present shall amend.

ARTICLE X - REGULATION

Section 1. This Club shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order wherein these By-Laws do not specifically cover the subject.

ARTICLE XI - DISSOLUTION

Section 1. In the event of the dissolution of the Chicago Coin Club, any and all assets remaining after all of its liabilities, incurred in accordance with this Constitution and By-Laws, have been paid shall be distributed to the Numismatic Section of the Smithsonian Institution, of the Federal Government, in Washington, D.C.

90th Anniversary Celebration

To commemorate our 90th Anniversary, we issued this booklet, planned a celebration banquet and created an exceptional medal.

The booklet documents the Club's ninety years of history including medals that were issued, past Club officers and the Constitution and By-Laws. It is being given to each member as well as guests attending the banquet.

The banquet, being held on April 25, 2009 at Giannotti Italian Steakhouse located in Schiller Park, IL, includes an educational talk on Economics, History & Money in Judea & Early Christianity given by coin dealer and author David Hendin.

To further commemorate this milestone event, we created the medal that is pictured on the cover. The obverse design is a copy of the "Standing Lincoln," a prominent Chicago statue by Augustus Saint-Gaudens, which has stood in Lincoln Park at North Dearborn Parkway since 1887. The sculpture includes a chair directly behind Lincoln, however, in designing our medal we decided to eliminate the chair in order to give full focus on Lincoln. His pose is considered by many as one of contemplation prior to giving an important speech. The medal's reverse design features the inscription, "Standing Lincoln" by Augustus Saint-Gaudens Lincoln Park, Chicago – 90th Anniversary of the Chicago Coin Club and 200th Anniversary of Lincoln's Birth – 2009. Additionally, there is a box for the serial number and designation "Made in USA." The medal is 4" tall, 2.375" wide and .204" thick. Two pieces were minted in 10kt gold, 25 in sterling silver and 105 in bronze. Also minted were 13 six piece process sets which display the results of the minting process.

We hope you enjoy being a part of our 90th Anniversary celebration.

William A. Burd
Editor

Patronage

The Club would like to extend its sincere appreciation to the following patrons for their support to the success of this event.

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